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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is accepting public comments specific to new underground storage tanks and a new public wastewater system (utilizing lagoons for treatment and spray irrigation) to be installed near Ramsay, Montana at the proposed Loves Travel Stop – Ramsay. This is only a summary of the proposed project. The entire Environmental Assessment (EA) can be viewed at (https://deq.mt.gov/public/ea/WasteMgt).

DEQ has prepared the following Environmental Assessment (EA) as required by the Montana Environmental Policy Act (sections ARM 17.4.607(2) and ARM 17.4.609(2)). This project involves installing eight (8) new petroleum UST systems (for storing and dispensing gasoline, diesel, biodiesel, and diesel exhaust fluid) and a new public wastewater system. The proposed public wastewater system would utilize lagoons for treatment and spray irrigation at Love's Travel Stop- Ramsay. The purpose of the permit application is to receive Department approval for the public wastewater system and UST systems that would serve the proposed Love's Travel Stop in Ramsay, Montana. Specific installation plans include the following materials and monitoring systems:

New Public Wastewater System

The application under review by the Department involves a lined primary facultative lagoon cell with a surface area of 26,339 ft2 (0.605 Acre); a lined secondary polishing and storage lagoon cell with a surface area of 73,760 ft2 (1.693 Acre); and an irrigation area of 3.88 Acres, including irrigation pump, weather station with rain and wind sensors, collection system, and required appurtenances. The proposed projected wastewater treatment system is part of the proposed Love's Travel Stop Ramsay, located at I-90 & Palmer St, Exit 216, Ramsay, MT 59748.

New Underground Storage Tanks

Tank(s): This project involves installing the following eight (8) tanks: 30,000-gallon regular unleaded, 12,000-gallon regular unleaded, 8,000-gallon Premium Gasoline, 30,000-gallon Diesel (B20), 30,000-gallon Diesel (B20), 20,000-gallon Bio-Diesel (B99), and 20,000-gallon DEF. All eight tanks will be Xerxes Fiberglass Reinforced Plastic (FRP) double-walled UST systems. All tanks will be utilized by Love's Travel Stop Ramsay as a petroleum re-fueling site and truck stop. Piping: All product piping associated with this project would be Franklin Fueling Systems UPP secondary contained double-walled electrofusion semi-rigid pipe. Approximately 3,200 feet of double-walled Franklin Fueling Systems UPP piping would be utilized in this project. Sumps: BRAVO systems model B-487-X-3638 fiberglass tank-top sumps will be installed around each tank's submersible turbine pump. BRAVO Products FRP under-dispenser containment sumps will be installed under each dispenser. Each tank and piping system would be continuously monitored. Monitoring would be accomplished via internal tank probes, interstitial tank sensors, as well as continuous sensor monitoring in all containment sumps and electronic line leak detection with programmed 0.2 gph shutdown rate for each of the piping runs. A Franklin Fueling Systems TS-5000 EVO automatic tank gauge (ATG) would continuously monitor all operational parameters.

DEQ prepares EAs to inform interested government agencies, public groups, or individuals of a proposed action and to determine whether the action may have a significant effect on human health or the natural environment. After a 30-day public comment period, DEQ will decide what action to take regarding this proposed project. If you care to comment on these proposed projects or the attached EA, please write or email the Montana DEQ Water Quality Division and Montana DEQ Waste & Underground Tank Management Bureau. Comments must be in writing and must be received by October 8, 2020. Our email address is dequatterogram@mt.gov. Our mailing address is DEQ/UST, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901.